

NEW BUILDING FOR THE UNION TRUST COMPANY.

To be erected on the Colonial Hotel site, at 15th and H streets northwest.

PLAN OF NEW BUILDING

Union Trust Company's Home
at 15th and H Streets.

OF LARGE PROPORTIONS

Frontage of Fifty Feet on One Street,
150 Feet on the Other.

MARBLE OR GRANITE BUILDING

Will Have Well-Appointed Offices for
Banking and Real Estate
Business.

A sketch plan of the building which is to be the new home of the Union Trust Company was approved at a meeting of the board of directors of that company which was held yesterday. As rapidly as is consistent with careful preparation the working drawings will be made by the architects, Wood, Donn & Deming, in connection with Mr. Bernard R. Green, the latter, as engineer, being associated in the preparation of the plan. It is expected, however,

that the preliminary details will be completed so that active building operations can be begun during the present season. The building now on the property which is to be occupied by the trust company, at the southwest corner of 15th and H streets, is to be vacated very soon by the present tenants, who are conducting there the Colonial Hotel.

It has not been decided what material will be used in executing the very handsome and attractive design which has been adopted by the directors of the company. It is the desire to use white marble, and unless the expense is too great that will be done; otherwise, granite of a light shade will be used. Although the new structure will cover broad frontages on both streets, over fifty feet on H street and three times that on 15th street, the size of the building as seen from the street will only be about one-half of its actual size, as the area that will be covered will include an L, which extends back from 15th street some 145 feet.

Of Classic Design.

The design of the new structure is classic and the aim will be to show by its substantial construction and simple lines and freedom from unnecessary decoration, the important character of the business which is to be carried on there. The principal feature of the two fronts will be the colonnades of massive columns five feet in diameter, larger than those in the colonnade of the Treasury building. This colonnade will extend through five stories, the pillars ending in capitals Corinthian in design and supporting an entablature with a decorated frieze and cornice. Above will be an attic story. The foundation for this portion of the building consists of a mezzanine story and the principal first story, both of which are entirely plain in design, and this is true of the cornices which mark the separation of the architectural divisions.

The first story, in which will be the banking offices of the company and the real estate offices of the Thomas J. Fisher Company, is a dignified and effective portion of the structure. The openings, which extend to an unusual height, are marked by strong, massive arches. There will be entrances to the trust company offices, both on H street and 15th street, and further south on 15th street will be the entrance to the elevators and staircases that will give access to the upper stories of the building, which will be arranged for office uses. Still further to the south and near the extreme corner of the building will be the entrance to the offices of the Thomas J. Fisher Company. The latter will go all the way back, occupying the space in the "L."

The banking room, with its lofty ceiling and its spacious approach, will be well lighted and conveniently arranged for the transaction of the details of the business of the trust company. The safe deposit vaults and boxes will be on the same level as the banking office, and will be lighted by a spacious dome.

Purpose of the Company.

It is the intention to make this building not only an ornament to the city, but one that will be so conveniently arranged as to be well adapted for the business of the company. There will be ample room for the clerical force as well as for the customers not only at the present time, but for the future, as sufficient provision has been made for the growth in business which it has been the experience of the company since its organization to be an expected and necessary part of the record of each year's business.

The president of the company, Mr. E. J. Stellwagen, as well as the members of the board of directors, who are among the active and enterprising business men of the city, have received many congratulations upon the wisdom of the move they have made in providing a new site for the business, and also in adding to the architectural attractiveness of the city while providing facilities for attending to the business of their numerous customers.

CITY OF AMUSEMENT

DOORS OF LUNA PARK THROWN
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Brilliant in the Light of Scores of Incandescent Bulbs—Stream of Sightseers.

Luna Park, the magic city of amusement, opened last evening in a blaze of glory. Through its beautiful gates, brilliant in the light of scores of incandescent bulbs, poured a numerous throng of wondering and admiring visitors. Not until late in the evening did the stream of sightseers setting thitherward diminish. Once within the confines of the place of novel sights and enchanting visions the visitors found themselves in the midst of a world of things to indulge in, but when the clouds overcast the sky and the rains descended and it was seen that there would be no silver rays from above to add fair omen to the enterprise, the management, confident that the merits of the new resort would stand the test of adverse conditions, did not incline to postpone the opening until a more auspicious occasion. And indeed the result proved that the confidence was justified. In the midst of the darkness of the gloomy night the myriads of electric lights shown with a rare brilliance, casting a great glow of radiance into the sky. Such was the extent of the reflected illumination that it was seen in all directions for many miles, seeming to beckon the eager votaries of pleasure.

It had been hoped by the management that the new moon would shed its beams benignly over Luna Park when it should be formally presented to the public. Such a wish it was thought proper in the fitness of things to indulge, but when the clouds overcast the sky and the rains descended and it was seen that there would be no silver rays from above to add fair omen to the enterprise, the management, confident that the merits of the new resort would stand the test of adverse conditions, did not incline to postpone the opening until a more auspicious occasion. And indeed the result proved that the confidence was justified. In the midst of the darkness of the gloomy night the myriads of electric lights shown with a rare brilliance, casting a great glow of radiance into the sky. Such was the extent of the reflected illumination that it was seen in all directions for many miles, seeming to beckon the eager votaries of pleasure.

Entering at the main gates, which face toward the east, the visitors found themselves in the midst of a wealth of architectural skill bathed in a perfect flood of light. Like the fabled palace of the sun the temples of pleasure stood reared aloft on columns, sparkling with lights and glittering with brilliant colors. The scene was truly bewildering in its splendor. Grouped in irregular fashion about a great oval center-ground, in which is a lagoon, the buildings stretch around both sides of the high promontory on which the park is constructed. The general scheme is characterized by an individual diversity of design. Varying types, covering widely separated periods, are represented, including Moorish, Japanese, Arabic, Gothic, Byzantine and Corinthian.

Minarets, Spires and Towers. The minarets, spires, towers and turrets lend suggestion of oriental charm. Clothed in their beautiful lights they portray the bewitching visions of rich and elegant cities famed to have flourished in the times of the Arabian nights.

Luna Park is an elaborate example of the modern type of exposition parks. It was built by Frederick Ingersoll of Pittsburgh, Pa., at a cost approximating \$500,000. The season which opened yesterday will close September 28. The park is located just four miles from Washington and about the same distance from Alexandria. It is on the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon railway, the cars of which require only ten minutes to make the trip between here and that place. In construction this park is modeled after Luna Park in New York, built by the same firm. A feature of the management of the place is that no liquor or games of chance are permitted on the grounds.

The park covers fifty-three acres, the part

outside the building area being devoted to picnic groves and recreation grounds.

Along the Trail.

Through the grounds runs the broad Trail, flanked by amusement buildings. Among other attractions are: Chutes and lagoon holding 300,000 gallons of water; scenic river 2,000 feet long circling 165 feet high, with ten cars; trip to Rockaway; half a mile long; mammoth carousel; roller coaster with speed on one incline of 180 miles an hour; "laying men;" "cat house;" photograph gallery; miniature parlors; "palace of illusions;" "hall of mystery;" Japanese tea gardens; "scenictorium;" Egyptian palmists; tours of the world; rifle range; "Chateau Alphonse;" and others.

The picnic park is a landscape of unusual attractiveness, with lawns, glens and groves, trees and brooks. From all parts of this park the band playing on the musical pavilion may be heard. There is also a picnic house, with kitchen, pantry, range, etc.

Band Concerts of Popular Airs Will

be given every Friday night and sacred music three hours after the death of the subject, but such cases were caused by the force of circumstances.

"Would you cut a person up a half hour after death?" queried Representative Hay of Virginia.

"Well, if I was ordered to do so by my superior," answered the doctor.

INSANE ASYLUM INQUIRY.

Dr. Blackburn Tells of the Autopsies He Has Performed.

The investigation of the Government Hospital for the Insane was continued yesterday by the special House committee. Dr. R. W. Blackburn, who is now, and has been for twenty-two years, pathologist of the institution, said he had performed 2,000 autopsies during that time.

The inquiry will be continued Wednesday.

ROUNDING UP MEMBERS

DELAY IN OBTAINING A QUORUM
OF THE HOUSE.

Local Compulsory Educational Bill
Passed—Increased Pay of District Firemen Goes Over.

The compulsory educational bill for the District occupied most of yesterday—District day—in its consideration, the bill being finally placed on its passage.

The measure provides that every child in the District between the ages of eight and fourteen years will hereafter be compelled to attend a public, private or parochial school during the time the public schools are in session.

An attempt was made to obtain favorable action upon the bill raising the pay of the employees of the fire department, but Representative Mann of Chicago stood in the way. The bill was late in the day, Mr. Mann wanted a full explanation of the measure calling for an expenditure of \$38,400 additional. Mr. Campbell of Ohio, in charge of the bill, explained it, but Mr. Mann still objected, and the bill went over until next District day.

Chairman Babcock of the House District committee had twenty-three measures ready for consideration, but only two bills were passed in addition to the compulsory education measure.

On a division the absence of a quorum was disclosed. Mr. Williams (Miss.), not desiring to raise the point, moved that the House adjourn. Mr. Payne (N. Y.) made a similar motion.

"I am perfectly willing that the motion should come from that side of the chamber," said Mr. Williams.

Veterans to Meet on Lawn.

The members of Gen. Nelson A. Miles Camp, No. 1, Spanish War Veterans, have arranged to hold their next meeting outdoors on the lawn at the home of the quartermaster of the camp, William H. Lowder, at 1704 Wisconsin avenue. Commander G. E. Rausch announces that the lawn meet will be held the evening of June 5, and that refreshments will be served. This move is in the nature of an innovation and may be followed later in the not season by some of the other camps in the Department of the District.

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Diagram of Ground Elevation.

"Penny" Filed Reply to Suit. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company filed its answer at Harrisburg, Pa., yesterday to the equity suit brought by Attorney General Carson to abolish the practice of collecting a \$10 rebate on every \$30 mile-

age book sold. The company admits that it formerly issued a mileage book at \$23 straight, but there was much scalping of these, and the present form was necessary to prevent this.

The company admits that if the ticket is lost it will not be replaced or value refunded. The answer says the manner of obtaining the refund money is "easy and economical." If use of the ticket in the state could be interdicted, the answer says, its use in interstate commerce could not be

restricted, because of lack of jurisdiction. The company denies that the ticket is contrary to the constitution, and its restriction to use of one person unreasonable or annoying. Answer has not yet been made by the other companies against which the suit has also been brought.